

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.**

| Members | Attendance | April 2015- APRIL 2016 | |
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| | | Present | Absent |
| Edna Elijah, Chair | P | 1 | 0 |
| Austin Scott, Vice, Chair | P | 1 | 0 |
| Gregory T. Boardman | P | 1 | 0 |
| Towana Bonaparte | P | 1 | 0 |
| Dr. Ciara L. Bostick | P | 1 | 0 |
| Maureen S. Dinnen | A | 0 | 1 |
| W. Jason Dunne | A | 0 | 1 |
| Rochelle Horowitz | A | 0 | 1 |
| Deniece Jones | A | 0 | 1 |
| Jennifer L. Kimmey | A | 0 | 1 |
| Dr. Maureen Persi | P | 1 | 0 |
| S. Carey Villeneuve | P | 1 | 0 |
| M. Elaine Wilson | P | 1 | 0 |

**Appointed Members to the Board: 13
Needed to constitute a quorum: 7**

Staff

Junia Robinson, staff liaison

I. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance – Chair, Edna Elijah

II. Attendance by Roll Call – Chair, Edna Elijah

Determination of quorum

As of this date, April 15th, 2015 there are 13 appointed members to the board, which means 7 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is a quorum.

III. Approve minutes (March 19th, 2015)

Motion by Dr. Persi, seconded by Ms. Wilson, that the said minutes for March 19th, 2015 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Current business

A. Board discussions/member updates

Chair Elijah opened the discussion with an update from the Caliber Awards. She shared with the Board, that the evening was wonderful and that Dillard elementary school Principal, Angela Brown won Principal of the year.

Chair Elijah asked if the Commission is going to recognize Mrs. Brown for her accomplishments. Ms. Robinson, staff liaison responded by saying “the board will have to send a communication to Commission advising of their wishes to acknowledge Mrs. Brown at an upcoming Commission meeting with a proclamation or plaque”.

MOTION by Mr. Boardman, seconded by Mr. Villeneuve that The Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board would like the Commission to officially recognize Mrs. Angela Brown, Principal at Dillard elementary school for her great success and for winning Principal of the year, at the 2015 Caliber awards.

In a voice vote, the Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Elijah updated board members on the possibility of additional schools in the City falling under the category of SSOS (Student Success and Opportunity Schools). She said, “Thurgood Marshall, Northfolk and Northside are the schools that are in question. Ms. Elijah also stated that she heard that Walker elementary will become an arts honors school. She continued by saying Walker elementary Principal Mays and Assistant Principal will be transferred to another school and new administration will be hired.

Mr. Boardman explained the various options for SSOS schools including; privatizing the school, make it a charter school, repurpose the school, or close the school.

Mr. Villeneuve shared that the budget proposal at Broward County Public Schools to boulder Victoria park, Colee Hammock, Sunrise key and Beverly Heights to Harbordale was passed 7 to 1, with school board member Abby Freedman voting against it. She was also confused as to how many people lived in Holiday park.

The board congratulated Mr. Villeneuve on his success with getting this vote to pass.

B. City Staff update

Junia Robinson, staff liaison updated the board on the upcoming events at Fort Lauderdale High school for the 100th graduating class celebrations. Junia said “I have been sending emails for the various activities being held including an upcoming event at Broward County Performing Arts center on April 23rd”. She asked Mr. Boardman provide more details regarding the upcoming events.

Mr. Boardman said the event is called the Flying L’s Alumni and its \$20.00 however; you do not have to be an alumnus of the school to attend.

Junia announced another event on May 30th which is free at Fort Lauderdale high and it’s the centennial celebration. On May 29th, the school will host a “walk through history” from 4:30- 6:30PM. Junia encouraged the board to participate in Fort Lauderdale High’s “Then and Now” celebrations.

Junia announced that the City Manager, Lee Feldman asked if anyone from the EAB can attend an event hosted by the early learning coalition. She said it can be more than one person from the EAB; thus far Ms. Towana Bonaparte has graciously volunteered to attend. Junia shared that the Mayor and City Manager were invited by the early learning coalition to attend. Mrs. Elaine Wilson has agreed to also attend on behalf of the City.

Junia announced the upcoming telephone town hall meeting with Commissioner Roberts, District 1.

Junia announced that Ms. Betty Shelley advised that she was not going to make the meeting. Junia also shared with the board that Ms.Dinnen is not feeling well and cannot attend. Junia reported that Mr. Shelby Smith has resigned from the board. Mr. Charles Webster, BCPS Liaison is not in attendance.

VI. Communication to City Commission

MOTION by Mr. Boardman, seconded by Mr. Villeneuve that The Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board would like the Commission to officially recognize Mrs. Angela Brown, Principal at Dillard elementary school for her great success and for winning Principal of the year, at the 2015 Caliber awards.

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VII. New/Future Business

Mr. Boardman suggested that the Board invite New River Middle school Principal to discuss their marine magnet program. It's a specialized marine science program and Mr. Boardman thinks that it would be great to invite her to speak to the board. Dr. Bostick shared that she would be very interested in learning about the program at the school.

Dr. Persi shared that the board should discuss the future of the student's on the advisory board. Mr. Boardman suggested seeking out to younger students who will have more free time to attend the meetings. He suggested trying for middle school students and more participation.

Next Meeting and Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st, 2015,
City hall, 8th floor conference room